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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 12-15, 17 and 19-22 are pending in the application upon entry of the herein amendment.

Applicants thank Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone conference of January 11, 2007 with the undersigned attorney. Examiner indicated that the application was allowable expect for the disposition of the non-elected claims. Examiner agreed to the rejoinder of the invention of Group II with the elected group and the conversion of claims 2 and 4 from withdrawn to active status. The amendment to claim 1, resulting in the combination of claim 8 into claim 1, was also discussed. The claims drawn to non-elected inventions have been cancelled herein without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications.

An error has been corrected in the Sequence Listing, SEQ ID NO:1. The fourth (Ile) and fifth (Lys) amino acids were inadvertently transposed as "Lys-Ile" in preparing the Sequence Listing. The specification, page 8, line 32 (the sequence "A A L I K...") provides support for the correction.

A paper copy of the amended Sequence Listing is enclosed herewith. The amended computer readable form had been filed on even date herewith via U.S. Express Mail, under cover of a paper entitled "Transmittal of Sequence Listing Computer Readable Form and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821." The latter contains the appropriate averments in support of the Sequence Listing amendment.

Conclusion

It is believed that all claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action toward that end is therefore respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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